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## **AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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Further to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences Decision dated December 11, 2009 (hereinafter "Board Decision"), the Examiner's Answer to Appeal Brief dated October 01, 2007, the Pre-Brief Appeal Conference decision dated February 05, 2007, the Advisory Action dated September 27, 2006, the Final Office Action dated July 14, 2006 (hereinafter "Office Action"), in view of the concurrently filed request for Request Continued Examination ("RCE"), and in view of the following amendments and/or remarks, Emerson P. Jones, Et Al. and/or Attorney(s) for applicant(s) (hereinafter "Applicant") request entry thereof and reconsideration of the above-referenced application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims begin on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

Claim Objections remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

**35 USC § 101** remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

35 USC § 103 remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.